

SENATOR WILLIE C. ESPERO

JANUARY 8, 2003 EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD



Monthly meetings for our area are conducted by Senator Espero every fourth Monday (excluding the month of December) at 7PM, Asing Park Recreation Building. Photos depict guests from the U.S. Attorney's Office and the Weed and Seed Program that addressed prosecution methods and progress made thus far at the November 24th meeting. The next meeting is January 26, 2004.



Director Rod Haraga

Mr. Rodney Haraga, the Director for the **State Department of Transportation** visited Waipahu Intermediate School on November 18 to discuss the **Fixed Rail System**. The 1st Phase would extend from Leeward Community college to Aloha Stadium. The 2nd Phase would go east and west from those two points. He also discussed the **Nimitz Highway Fly-Over** which would double-deck the freeway over the Kalihi/Sand Island area. He expects this issue to generate much discussion at the next legislative session. The meeting was sponsored by Senators Kanno, Kawamoto and Espero as well as Representatives Karamatsu, Sonson and Tamayo.

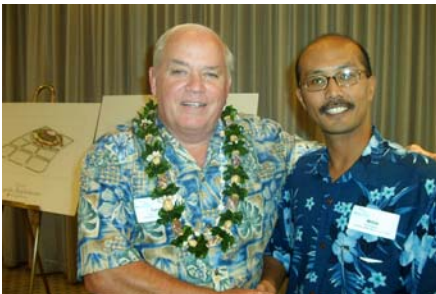
THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT @ STATE CAPITOL NOVEMBER 20



Hundreds of students representing schools from throughout the state took part in festivities promoting a drug-free message and lifestyle while celebrating the Great American SmokeOut. Photo at left depicts Peer Educator Mrs. Barbara Nosaka from **Ilima Intermediate School** providing guidance to students; middle photo shows some of the participants from **James Campbell High School** next to a game they created. Watch events like this on "FOR EWA TODAY" airing on Oceanic Cable Channel 54, Sundays @ 10:00PM.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

Each year, hundreds of families depend on the support of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) to provide comfort and care during difficult times. RMHC celebrated this year on Nov. 20th **World Children's Day** where proceeds benefited RMHC and other vital children's causes. Sen. Espero volunteered at the McDonald's of Ewa Beach to raise awareness for the event.



KAPOLEI AMPHITHEATER

Mr. Terry Gallagher, partner with Global Venue Group, LCC, was the featured speaker at the West Oahu Economic Development Association's December 3rd luncheon held at the JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko'Olina. Mr. Gallagher discussed his plans for the 15,000-seat amphitheater proposed near the Kapolei Business Park.

FT. WEAVER ROAD WIDENING

DOT Spokesperson Scott Ishikawa pictured next to Director Rod Haraga came out to Asing Park December 3rd to inform our community and field questions about the widening. Construction timetable for Phase-I from Laulaunui to A'awa March 2004 to March 2005. Phase-II from A'awa to Geiger through February 2007. Night work will transpire. The widening at \$26 million is part of Sen. Espero's transportation relief plan for our area.



2003 SECONDARY STUDENT CONFERENCE

James Campbell High School was represented by talented, outstanding young leaders who participated in the conference. They helped craft **Resolution 38** requesting an appropriation to the Hawaii State public school system specifically for the purchase of new, up-to-date textbooks. Sen. Espero met with them at the State Capitol on December 4, 2003.